GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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Furnishing of Information by Candidates
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Election Commission of India has issued/proposes to issue any direction for the candidates contesting elections to both houses of Parliament and State Assemblies to furnish information about their social media accounts in Form 26; and
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): The Election Commission has informed that they have issued instructions that the candidates shall also be asked to furnish information about their Social Media account, if any, in Para 3 of Form 26. Information about Social Media account being not a part of the statutory format as per Form 26, the Commission has further clarified that if a candidate does not add the information pertaining to Social Media account in Form 26, it is not necessary to ask the candidate to file a fresh affidavit furnishing the said particulars. In such cases, the information about Social Media account, if any, may be obtained from the candidate separately on a plain paper.

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